

Maricopa County Community Services Commission
Maricopa County Human Services Department
234 N. Central, 3rd Floor Arizona Conference Room
Phoenix, Arizona 85004
Monday, May 18, 2009
6:00 P.M.

Meeting Minutes

Members Present:

City of Glendale -Councilman Steve Frate
Sister Barbara Webster, Low-Income Representative
Valley of the Sun United Way- Amy Schwabenlender
Society of St. Vincent de Paul - Jerry Castro
The Salvation Army – David Clitheroe
Town of Gila Bend - Mayor Fred Hull

City of Avondale - Rogene Hill
Salt River Project- Bonnie Temme
City of Tolleson – Vice Mayor Kathie Farr
APS - Louise Moskowitz
Chicanos Por La Causa- Terri Cruz

Presenters/Staff/Guests Present:

Staff:

Marge Leyvas
Eileen Hartnett
Cecelia Robles
Frances Delgado
Yvonne Seel

Guests:

Tony Sissons & Eddie Sissons, Research Advisory
Services, Inc.
Sylvia Sheffield, City of Avondale
Mary Hutchinson & Beth Fiorenza, TCAA
Racel Aleman, Community Services of Arizona

1. **Call to Order** The meeting was called to order at 6:00 PM by Chair Louise Moskowitz.
2. **Roll Call** Frances Delgado called roll and a quorum was established.
3. **Opening Prayer** This item was tabled.
4. **Pledge of Allegiance** This item was tabled.
5. **Call to the Public** No Cards were submitted to request to speak.
6. **Overview of 2 PM Meeting of May 18, 2009**

Marge Leyvas indicated that all Commissioners and guests present were also present at the 2 p.m. meeting, therefore no review of the 2pm meeting was necessary. She informed the Commission that Louise Moskowitz was honored the previous week with the Heart in Hand Award by the MCHSD Community Services Division for her dedication to those in need for many years. Previous recipients have included Commission members Teri Cruz and Mayor Fred Hull.

Marge reviewed the mix of funds that are used for administrative and operating services in the current fiscal year, including but limited to SSBG, TANF, and CSBG. Marge shared her opinion that AZ DES will be reducing FY10 allocated TANF and/or SSBG funds due to the state budget issues. In FY 10, to ensure continued service provision of community action program services, the total CSBG ARRA funds received will be placed CAP sub-contracts.

7. A. Determination of Recommendation to be forwarded to the Maricopa County Board of Supervisors

B. Recommendation of Implementation Date

Mayor Fred Hull inquired on the timeline for a decision for this recommendation of the Service Delivery System. Marge Leyvas indicated staff's preference that the Commission's recommendations be made this month or next (June) to allow sufficient time for the department to meet with the Board of Supervisors individually and for the internal process for placement on the BOS agenda. This would allow sufficient time for the division to implement changes for FY 11.

Bonnie Temme asked that all questions be documented for future review of the process.

Councilman Frate commented that the decision of the Commission is only a recommendation to be forwarded to the BOS who will make the final decision.

Chair Moskowitz shared that the Maricopa County BOS will hopefully take the recommendation understanding that the Commission did their due diligence and asked all pertinent questions before forwarding their recommendation.

Jerry Castro asked why the El Mirage Service Area did not receive a base allocation. Marge explained that services were not subcontracted this year and being provided by Division staff.

Chair Louise Moskowitz asked for staff's input so that the Commission can whittle down the elements as appropriate.

Marge asked that the Commission make a determination on the "necessary adjustments" due to the future removal of the Glendale service area, the unincorporated areas within the current Glendale CSA, and Litchfield Park.

Bonnie Temme made a motion to approve the necessary adjustments as presented by RAS. Councilman Frate seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Fred Hull asked about the recent annexations by the City of Goodyear. These annexed areas are within the current Gila Bend service area. RAS will look into the issue.

A motion was made by Mayor Fred Hull to eliminate Element 1 "Make no changes to CAP service areas" from consideration. Major Clitheroe seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

There was discussion, but no vote, regarding Element 2 leaving the Wickenburg, Buckeye and Gila Bend Service areas as they are. There was discussion, but no votes, regarding Elements 3 through 9. The Commission determined that further discussion is warranted and Division staffs' input is needed to be provided at the next Commission meeting.

There was discussion on use of technology, how it could be implemented, the expense, and issues it would create both for clients and for the Division. Utilization would require that it be phased in over a long term. Discussion followed on the advantages and disadvantages of varied contracts with different scopes of work/services in contract.

Chair Louise Moskowitz asked that staff prepare additional information on impacts and recommendations for the Commission at the next meeting. The next meeting of the Commission is on Monday, June 22 at 6 pm.

8. Board Remarks

Bonnie Temme passed around a card for Commissioner Marty Sonnenberg who has been ill.

9. Adjournment

Mayor Fred Hull made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Councilman Steve Frate. The meeting was adjourned at 7:30 pm.